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Members:	Algeria	Mr. Baali
	Argentina	Mr. Mayoral
	Benin	Mr. Aho-Glele
	Brazil	Mr. Valle
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	France	Mr. De La Sablière
	Japan	Mr. Kitaoka
	Philippines	Mr. Lacanilao
	Romania	Mr. Dumitru
	Russian Federation	Mr. Denisov
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Emyr Jones Parry
	United Republic of Tanzania	Mr. Manongi
	United States of America	Mrs. Patterson

Agenda

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

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The meeting was called to order at 4.10 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Egypt, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the consideration of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Abdelaziz (Egypt) took a seat at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

I wish to draw the attention of members to document S/2005/438, containing the text of a letter dated 7 July 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council.

After consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council condemns in the strongest possible terms the assassination of the recently appointed Head of the Egyptian Mission to Iraq, His Excellency Ambassador Ihab El Sherif, on 7 July and expresses its condolences to the family of the victim and to the Government and people of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

"The Security Council also condemns all terrorist attacks in Iraq, including the attempted assassinations of diplomats from Bahrain and Pakistan and attacks against other civilian personnel.

"The Security Council emphasizes that there can be no justification for such terrorist acts and underlines the need to bring to justice the perpetrators.

"The Security Council reaffirms its unwavering support for the Iraqi people in their political transition, as outlined in Security Council resolution 1546 (2004). The Security Council also reaffirms Iraq's independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity and calls upon the international community to stand by the Iraqi people in their pursuit of peace, stability and democracy.

"The Security Council welcomes Egypt's continued commitment in this regard, as stated in a letter by the Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt addressed to the President of the Council (S/2005/438), and recognizes the important role of Egypt and other neighbouring countries in supporting the political process, helping control transit across Iraq's borders, and extending other support to the Iraqi people."

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The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 4.15 p.m.